



Trinity Bible Project Week 41

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Here He Goes Again

The Creator is a God of mercy and compassion. The Incarnate Creator, Jesus Christ, is still a God of mercy and compassion, a truth we see over and over again in the Scriptures. And, this narrative of Jesus’ raising a young man from the dead, shows us His amazing compassion again.

Most people when reading about a miracle of Jesus can see that His miracles prove Jesus’ power and authority over sin, suffering, and even death. And His miracles certainly do that. But there were “raisings” from the dead in the Old Testament as well, (Elijah and the Widow’s Son), which also show God’s power over death. And there were times in Jesus’ ministry when he warned the crowd not to tell of his wonders. And, significantly, Jesus knew that the ones He raised from the dead would certainly die again because all lives end in death. So, what was Jesus’ purpose in raising this young man from the dead?

The Scripture tells us that Jesus had compassion on the widow--this woman who had lost her husband and, now, her son and would certainly be left with little chance of a future in the culture of the time. Jesus, knowing the coming suffering of this woman with no husband or son to care for her, had compassion on her and raised her son, for the widow’s own sake. Yes, we look in awe at Jesus’ power over death. We know He willingly gave Himself up to suffering and death as well. Why did Jesus raise the young man? Why did He give up His power over death in order to save himself while on the cross? He does this because he is a God of mercy and compassion. Let’s never forget this quality of the Lord’s when we consider His motives and will in giving the many joyful and sad events of our lives in this world. -Karol Ketcher

Getting Started (10 min/week): How important is God’s compassion and mercy in your life? In what ways can you provide the Lord’s compassion and mercy to others?

Growing Deeper (10 min/day): Read through some of the miracles of Jesus recorded in the Gospels and see if you can tell that mercy was the purpose behind Jesus’ provision of the miracles.

Leading Well In your small group, discuss the following: *The Healing of the Centurion’s Slave* (Luke 7:1-10), *The Raising of the Widow’s Son* (Luke 7:11-17), and *Jesus Eats with a Pharisee and Forgives a Sinful Women* (Luke 7:36-50) are all narratives from Luke 7. Do a comparison study of these three Lukan narratives and find the Lord Jesus’ compassion in each one.

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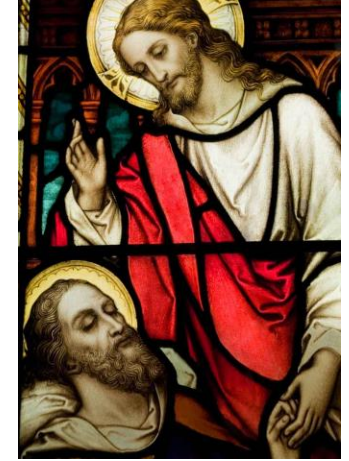
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